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Docket No.: PFANNSCHMIDT-2

In re Application of:)
BERND PFANNSCHMIDT et al.)
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/EP2004/003475)
Int. Filing Date: April 1, 2004)
For: ELECTRICAL MACHINE HAVING COOLED LAMINATED STATOR AND ROTOR CORES AND WINDINGS)

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Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

European patent application EP 0 522 210 describes an electrical machine having a slotted rotor (3) and a slotted stator (4) and having a ventilation system on one side, the air flow (Q1) which is passed through the machine has superimposed on it an additional air flow (Q4) which circulates and is added to the generated air flow (Q1) again at a point located upstream, after flowing around or through parts (11) of the rotor and of the stator.

German Pat. No. DE 100 18 642 corresponds to U.S. Pat. No. 6,359,350 to Kaiho et al. An English-language Abstract is also enclosed.

With respect to German Offenlegungsschrift DE 43 20 559, an English-language Abstract is enclosed.

European patent application No. EP 0 118 802 describes a gas-cooled a.c. machine having a rotor and a stator, each in the form of sheet metal packs, and a winding head, wherein in order to obtain optimum cooling of the rotor sheet metal pack, the stator sheet metal pack and the winding head, the machine is

constructed of a stator central part and two stator end parts and ducts are provided in the casing corners for the removal of the cooling gas. The ducts are bounded only by the walls of the casing and the back of the stator sheet metal pack, are separated by the stator sheet metal pack, and extend over the total length thereof. Cooling gas conveyed by fans is first conveyed into the inner winding head chamber or the rotor inlet flow chamber and there divided into two cooling circuits connected in parallel. In a first cooling circuit, the cooling gas is led through the rotor sheet metal pack and through the stator sheet metal pack, and in the second cooling circuit through the winding head. The stator end parts are each formed as cooling gas inlet and outlet casings and are provided with separating walls for separating the two cooling circuits. The separating walls have by-pass openings whose respective effective cross-sectional areas can be varied by displaceable cover plates.

German Offenlegungsschrift DE 195 14 592 corresponds to European patent No. EP 0 739 076 to Söhne, Walter. An English-language Abstract is also enclosed.

German patent No. DE 100 54 338 corresponds to European Pat. No. EP 1204 193 to Eberhardt, Heinz Dieter. An English-language Abstract is also enclosed.

German Offenlegungsschrift DE 24 23 853 describes an enclosed electric machine with a stator having radial cooling slots and a heat exchanger disposed between the stator back and the housing jacket exchanger and having cooling pipes for ambient air. The heat exchanger is divided in chambers which are open to the stator back. The rotor has radial cooling slots which are alternately connected to one or the other fan via axial air channels in the rotor.

European Pat. No. EP 0 387 743 describes an electrical motor of enclosed type having a stator magnetic circuit and a cowling with a surround and two endplates. A first ventilation circuit (20, 14, 15, 16) is provided for the stator magnetic circuit and a second ventilation circuit (25) is disposed inside the cowling, wherein the two ventilation circuits are dissociated. The ventilation circuit

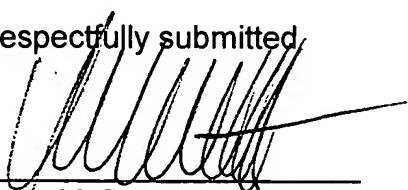
of the stator magnetic circuit includes a plurality of channels (14) crossing right through the circuit and connected by metal tubes (15, 16) emerging outside the cowling.

German Offenlegungsschrift DE 44 13 389 describes an electrical machine having two laminated rotor cores (1, 2) which are arranged at an axial distance from one another on a common shaft (3), two laminated stator cores (4, 5) which are arranged at a corresponding distance from one another, and a cooling device which has an air feed device (25) as well as cooling ducts (21) running in the axial direction. The cooling ducts are each divided into two sections as a consequence of the axial distance between the laminated cores (1, 2, 4, 5) and are connected to the air feed device (25) in such a manner that the flow passes through the two sections of each cooling duct (21) in the opposite direction, and the cooling air is deflected from an axial direction into a radial direction, or vice versa, in the annular space (7) between the laminated cores (1, 2, 4, 5). The axial distance between the laminated cores (1, 2, 4, 5) is in this case selected such that the available flow cross-section in the annular space (7) between the laminated cores (1, 2, 4, 5) for the cooling air is approximately equal to the sum of the flow cross-sections of all the cooling ducts (18, 18', 21) which open directly into this annular space (7).

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art. Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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